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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

NORTHERN ALASKA
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEBRA HAALAND, in her official
capacity, *et al.*,

Defendants,

and

AMBLER METALS, LLC, *et al.*,

Intervenor-Defendants.

Case No. 3:20-cv-00187-SLG

DEFENDANTS' TWELFTH STATUS REPORT

Northern Alaska Env't Center v. Haaland
DEFS.' TWELFTH STATUS REPORT

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Defendants submit the following status report in accordance with the Court's Order Re Motions for Voluntary Remand (ECF No. 143) dated May 17, 2022. This is Defendants' twelfth status report, which expands upon information provided in the prior status reports, the most recent of which was filed on March 18, 2024 (ECF No. 204).

Defendant Bureau of Land Management (BLM) posted the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and associated Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act Section 810 Evaluation to its ePlanning website on April 19, 2024. The Final SEIS and other information about the project can be found at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/57323/510>. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published Notice of Availability of the Final SEIS in the Federal Register on April 26, 2024. *See* 89 Fed. Reg. 32,427 (Apr. 26, 2024). On the same day, BLM published Notice of Availability of the Final SEIS in the Federal Register. *See* 89 Fed. Reg. 32,458 (Apr. 26, 2024). This Notice states that BLM "will issue a Record of Decision (ROD) for the project no earlier than 30 days from the date the EPA publishes its notice of availability of the Final [SEIS] in the Federal Register." *Id.* BLM continues to anticipate publishing a ROD in the second quarter of calendar year 2024.

Defendants' next report is due on July 16, 2024. Defendants will continue to "(1) provide prompt notice to Plaintiffs of any applications and authorizations for activities on federal lands related to the Ambler Road and (2) provide no less than 28 days' notice to Plaintiffs in advance of any ground-disturbing activities [except limited brush clearing solely to allow for helicopter landings] occurring pursuant to the 404 permit or other

authorizations.” Order Re Motions for Reconsideration 12, ECF No. 151.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of May 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 17, 2024, a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic means on all counsel of record by the Court’s CM/ECF system.

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